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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: PAUL R. MCHUGH
APPLICATION No.: 10/734,098
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FOR: **PADDLES AND ENCLOSURES AND
ENHANCING MASS TRANSFER DURING
PROCESSING OF MICROFEATURE
WORKPIECES**

EXAMINER: H.D. WILKINS
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Sir:

I, Thomas L. Ritzdorf, declare and unequivocally state that:

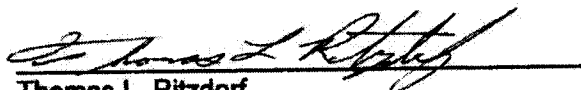
I am a citizen of the United States residing at 3130 Parkwood Lane,
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I am an employee of Semitool, Inc., the assignee of the above-captioned
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I viewed an operational model of a paddle plater generally similar to that
disclosed in U.S. Patent Application Publication US2005/0167275A1, on a confidential
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